

Hiller Sports Complex

Within the past fifteen years, McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) has applied for, and received, several State grants from Proposition 12 and 40 bond proceeds for various phases of project implementation highlighting the MCSD's master plan for recreation activities in the McKinleyville area. A fairly recent example is the receipt of a per capita grant to the MCSD from the State Department of Parks and Recreation in 2008 to construct two new collegiate sized soccer fields on 8.4 acres within the larger 39 acre Hiller Sports Complex. Of the total project cost of \$56,922, the District received a grant of \$47,367 to assist with project grading, installation of irrigation systems, and hydro-seeding for the development of the new soccer fields. Also located within the Hiller Sports Complex are four smaller existing soccer fields, a picnic area, public restrooms, a 45,000 square foot parking facility, a 1,296 square foot snack bar/concession stand, and an adjacent interpretive trail.

The MCSD coordinated the application preparation and submittal process and also applied for and received a Coastal Development permit and project building/grading permits from the County of Humboldt. The MCSD staff undertook the task of assuring compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA compliance included coordination in the preparation of the project Initial Study and the filing of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Notice of Determination assuring that the MCSD had met project CEQA requirements.

An addendum to the original CEQA Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration was undertaken to permit the soccer field expansion project, along with a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit and Mitigation Plan. The project also included completion of a Wetland Mitigation Plan to replace the existing wetland. This interaction and technical coordination by the MCSD staff enabled the project to be constructed in ten months, thereby ensuring timely construction performance in keeping with State guidelines for project development/implementation after the grant award. The MCSD met all grant program requirements for project reimbursement and administrative management. Based on a financial review of the MCSD's expenditures of bond proceeds, there were no outstanding findings with regard to the expenditure of grant funds for the Hiller Sports Complex.

Other Proposition 12 and Proposition 40 Projects:

- California Waste Tire Grant (2 times)
- Hiller Park Loop Trails and fenced in picnic area
- Hiller Park Playground replacement
- Hiller Sports Complex baseball and softball fields